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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
STATE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM TO
IDENTIFY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE INITIATIVES TO
IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
2 administering and maintaining the State Comprehensive Emergency
3 Medical Services System by planning, coordinating, and providing
4 assistance to all public and private entities and agencies
5 involved in the state system, and ensuring that all emergency
6 medical services or ambulance services conducted by or under the
7 authorization of the Department of Health or any county are
8 consistent with part XVIII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
12 System provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities,
13 and equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the
14 effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under
15 emergency conditions, irrespective of the cause of the emergency
16 conditions; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
19 System provides personnel, personnel training, communications,
20 emergency transportation, facilities, coordination with
21 emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and
22 use of available public safety agencies, promotion of consumer
23 participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical
24 recordkeeping, consumer information and education, independent
25 review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements,
26 and other components necessary to meet the purposes of the state
27 comprehensive system; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
30 establishing standards for emergency medical services, an
31 emergency medical services system consistent with the State



1 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System and applicable
2 federal guidelines for those services, and regulation of
3 ambulances within the State, including the certification of
4 vehicles, equipment, supplies, and communication systems; and
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6 WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory
7 Committee is administratively attached to the Department of
8 Health and serves the Department in an advisory capacity on all
9 matters relating to the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical
10 Services System; and
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12 WHEREAS, in consultation with the State Emergency Medical
13 Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
14 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
15 services that are implemented in each county; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is authorized to contract
18 to provide emergency medical services, including emergency
19 aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a county
20 emergency services system in accordance with the State
21 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
24 establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public
25 by the Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and
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27 WHEREAS, to fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical
28 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, it is imperative
29 that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State
30 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently
31 maintained and effectively provides emergency services; now,
32 therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
35 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
36 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is
37 requested to conduct a study on the State Comprehensive
38 Emergency Medical Services System to identify issues and
39 problems and propose initiatives to improve the system; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
42 requested to submit to the Legislature a written report of its



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findings and recommendations, including any proposed
legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

OFFERED BY:

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